ECIA Conservation Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022 7 - 9 pm

1.	Call to Order by Chair, Paul Butt at pm.
2.	Attendees Roll call of members and determination of quorum: Carol Beidleman (excused absence) Thom Bredenberg Tom Brimacombe
	Paul Butt John Parker
	Quorum status: <u>established</u>
•	Liaisons: Jonathan Turkle (Board Liaison) Mike Rogers (HOAMCO Liaison)
•	Meeting Assistance: Jocelyn Rizo (HOAMCO Staff)
•	Guests:
3.	Appointment of recording secretary: John Parker For October meeting: Paul Butt
4.	Approval of Agenda: Motion by: _ John Parker 2 nd by: Thom Bredenberg Vote: _unanimous_
5.	Announcements: Meeting is live and streamed on ZOOM with the following rules: Guests are muted until recognized. Guests should type in name and full address. If you wish to speak during the OPEN FORUM, please state your topic. Residents will be recognized on a first come, first served basis. Guests are limited to three minutes of discussion. For longer discussions, guests must notify the Committee Chair no later than seven days in advance of the Committee meeting, and the item will be placed on the agenda. Private messaging during the meeting is disabled. An audio recording of the Zoom meeting will be made, and will be available after the meeting upon request to conservationchair@gmail.com
6.	Approval of August Minutes: Motion by: <u>John Parker</u> 2 nd by: <u>Tom Brimacombe</u> Vote: unaminous

- 7. Board Liaison Report by Jonathan Turkle Draft Preserve Policy was accepted by Board. GIS initiative on pause.
- 8. HOAMCO Report by Mike Rogers: Mike was unable to provide input due to extenuating circumstances
- 9. Project status updates:
 - Updates, Volunteer Recruitment project (Thom Bredenberg, Paul Butt:) Thom reported that the
 Coexistance with Wildlife event was well attended. Thom gave some input and met some potential CC volunteers.
 - Update, Tr 201 "1st mile" maintenance projects: John Parker, Thom Bredenberg and Paul Butt hiked the first mile of each of the 201 branches to assess current trail conditions and suitability for mechanical assistance by HOAMCO. Paul suggested that there may be a need to create additional access as the existing gates may not be wide enough. It is anticipated that additional work by volunteers will be required. The group also evaluated the effect of recent monsoon runoff on the willow transplant project. Flooding impact was extensive with an apparent high willow mortality rate.
 - Wildfire Risk Mitigation in Eldorado Paul Butt requested that members and guests review the following documents for discussion during next months Open Forum:

EldoSafety EducationTask Group Rpt to Board_DDenker_220816.docx question to ThBre re_Gallina Pk & Greenbelt WFR_PSB_220825.pdf Brush removal SOP draft_PSB_210308.pdf hazard fuel reports and follow-up procedural for the Eldorado Greenbelts_PSB_210329.pdf

Thom Bredenberg distributed a narrative regarding his research on tumbleweed treatments in the greenbelt.

John Parker suggested that weed propagation was facilitated by growth in the bar ditches along major roads. Thom Bredenberg said that this problem also due to runoff into the greenbelts from the rail line. It was suggested that ECIA work with the county to mitigate this problem.

10. New Business:

- Workday dates for September:
 - o Tr 201-202 loop maintenance (1st mile project)
 - Tr 301-302 meadow project it was decided that a workday be scheduled during the October meeting.
 - Tr 301 1st mile project The committee will schedule a volunteer workday for an additional 1/3 mile trail work on Trail 301 for October 14 at 9 AM. Paul Butt will work with HOAMCO staff to issue an e-blast to volunteers.

- Fuels Reduction in Greenbelts Thom Bredenberg will work with Mike Schneider to develop an approach for addressing tumbleweed growth/accumulation in parts of the Gallena Park greenbelt.
- Tom Brimacombe asked whether it was possible for HOAMCO to mow weeds growing into Trail 201 in the area of intersection 2E. He suggested that weed whackers be used to cut the weeds back a foot or two on each side.
- Selection of Chairperson for October & November John Parker volunteered to chair the October and November committee meetings

11. Old Business:

• Committee administration (SOP, tools such as Google Platform)

12. Open Forum:

Concern was raised concerning distribution of the Agenda so close to meetings date. Paul Butt responded that the agendas are published on ECIA webpage 4 - 5 days prior to the meeting in accordance ECIA procedures.

Kathy Garland raised concerns over mountain bikes in the greenbelt in the Estambre neighborhood. Ms Garland asserted that bikes, given their two-wheeled footprint, were responsible for the degradation on these greenbelt trails. Committee members responded noting that heavy monsoon rains and poor trail placement were likely big factors in the deteriorating condition of the trails. Public education and community stewardship were suggested means of addressing this problem.

13. Motion to adjourn: Motion by: Thom Bredenberg 2nd by:

Vote: unanimous

Adjournment time: 8:38